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REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT

S I R:

This Replacement Amendment replaces the original Amendment filed on 3/31/04 (and mailed on 3/29/04), in response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2003 (the three-month response date for which was previously extended by one month from March 1, 2004 to April 1, 2004 in the original Amendment). As previously discussed in a phone conference with the Legal Instruments Examiner, it is understood that this Replacement Amendment format is acceptable. Previously canceled claims 1 to 18 are now explicitly listed, as suggested, so that this amendment is compliant and may be entered.

This Replacement Amendment is being filed within one month of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, which was mailed on April 13, 2004, so that no further extension is believed to be due. (Any fees that may be due (including any extension fees) are authorized by the accompanying Transmittal paper).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL OF REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a
Replacement Amendment for the Amendment filed March 31, 2004 (and mailed on March
29, 2004).

While no fee is believed to be due (since this Replacement Amendment is being filed
within one month of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 13, 2004),
the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees (including any extension fees)
associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of
Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this page is
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